



# SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HEALTH AGENCY

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## **PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION UPDATE** **Pandemic H1N1 (2009) FLU**

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**Countywide Cases:** 153 (laboratory results consistent with H1N1 infection)  
**Countywide Hospitalizations:** 30  
**Countywide Deaths:** 1

**Statewide Hospitalized Cases:** 4820  
**Statewide Deaths:** 266

### **Current Situation:**

On Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, the San Luis Obispo County Health Department began visiting County schools to distribute H1N1 vaccine to children grades K-6. Throughout the week, two school sites per day held clinics. By Friday afternoon, we anticipate that approximately 1200 children will have received vaccine. In the coming week, we plan to increase our school vaccination efforts to five schools per day, vaccine supply permitting. Once all K-6 students have been offered vaccine, the County will begin middle school and high school-located clinics. Children under 10 should receive a second dose of vaccine. At this time, we are not planning to visit schools to provide the second dose for those students, however, this is under consideration as time and resources permit.

In order for you child to receive vaccine at school, a completed permission slip must be completed and returned to the school site by the deadline designated by each district. If you need a new copy of the consent form and Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS), you can obtain one on our Public Health H1N1 website or from the SLO County Office of Education website at: [www.SLOCOE.org](http://www.SLOCOE.org). The Public Health website also contains a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the School Located Vaccine Clinics (SLVCs) for your use.

At this time, County Health Department sites are no longer able to take appointments for seasonal or H1N1 flu vaccine. Please remember that these are two different vaccines. Getting one of these vaccines DOES NOT protect you from both types of virus. It is very important for those at risk for each type of virus to obtain the appropriate vaccine.

Those at highest risk for severe complications from H1N1 and have been deemed highest priority to obtain vaccine by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are:

- pregnant women
- persons aged 6 months to 24 years
- persons aged 25 to 64 year with long-term health problems
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months
- Health care and emergency medical workers

Those at highest risk of severe complications from seasonal flu are:

- Adults over 60
- All persons with chronic medical conditions

**To repeat, there is currently no vaccine available at Public Health Department sites. The Public Health Department will continue to announce when more vaccine is available, and administer vaccine to priority groups as determined by the CDC.**

Additional Information: Please visit [www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/publichealth/swineflu.htm](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/publichealth/swineflu.htm),  
Or call the Public Health Information Line  
(24 hour number): **805-788-2903 or 805-781-5500, M-F, 8am to 5pm.**

**Información adicional:** Información en español está disponible. Favor de llamar la línea de información de salud pública al 805-788-2903 o al departamento de salud de San Luis Obispo al 805-781-5500  
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